

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 23, 2007 in which claims 1-32 were rejected.

Regarding the indefiniteness rejection of claim 31, it has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness problems pointed out by the Examiner and withdrawal of the rejection thereof is requested.

Regarding the statutory subject matter rejection of claims 28 and 29, claim 29 has been amended to recite that it comprises a computer readable medium. Claim 28 recites a device module for producing a printable output of an electronic presentation and does recite statutory subject matter since such a device module is a tangible thing that generates a tangible result (printable output). Withdrawal of the statutory subject matter rejection of claims 28 and 29 is requested.

Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by *Furon et al* (US 2006/0052118).

A review of the *Furon et al* reference reveals that although mentioning automatic layout on a single page or even several pages of one, or more usually, several multimedia messages, the only real disclosure in the reference is of several multimedia messages 21, 22, 23, 24 (see Fig. 2). These initial multimedia messages are displayed on a terminal screen in the way shown in Fig. 3 but can be made into a composite such as shown in Fig. 4. There are many references in the *Furon et al* reference of the invention dealing with making a composite of multimedia messages in the plural.

The present invention, on the other hand, deals with a single message. The claims have been amended to point this out. Moreover, the claims have been further amended to make it clear that a combined page or separate pages are defined for the objects of the electronic presentation and that the printable output is formable into the combined page or into the separate pages depending on removal of irrelevant objects and conversion of continuous objects into non-continuous objects and also depending upon a temporal aspect and a spatial aspect of the single message. These limitations are disclosed in detail in both embodiments of Figs. 5A and 5B of the present disclosure.

Although the *Furon et al* reference mentions in paragraph [0037] a relational analysis, this is in relation to plural multimedia messages, not a single message as presently claimed. Similarly, although *Furon et al* mentions a first step of his analysis as consisting of performing a sequential analysis (see paragraph [0034]), this sequential analysis is dealing with when a message is created, when it is sent, and when it is received. The temporal aspect claimed in the presently claimed invention relates to objects in the single message, not the message itself.

The present invention, as amended, does not read on the *Furon et al* disclosure because of the above explained amendments. Withdrawal of the novelty rejection of the independent claims is requested.

In regard to dependent claims 2 and 12, the claims have been amended to make it clear that the temporal aspect pertains to objects and not the timing of the creation, sending or receipt of the message itself. Thus, the temporal aspect allows the methodology of the present invention to study an object within a multimedia message in such a way as to find out

if it is for instance temporally closer to others, compared to spatially the same object (see Fig. 5A/Fig 5B). Such a concept is not disclosed by *Furon et al.*

Regarding dependent claims 3, 13 and 25, the multiple outputs disclosed therein deal with multiple multimedia messages, not a single multimedia message which is broken down into different pages depending on the situation covered by Figs. 5A and 5B of the present disclosure.

Regarding dependent claims 4 and 14, the layout locations of the present invention pertain to objects of a single message not the multiple messages disclosed by *Furon et al.*

Regarding dependent claims 5, 15 and 23, the analysis disclosed in the third step mentioned in paragraph [0037] of *Furon et al* pertains to a relational analysis performed between multiple multimedia messages, not a spatial analysis of objects within a single message.

Regarding dependent claims 6, 16 and 24, the decision to use one page or multiple pages pertains to a decision about multiple messages, not objects within a single message.

Regarding dependent claim 7 the same comment made above in connection with claim 6, 16 and 24 pertains here as well.

Regarding dependent claims 8 and 17, again the distinguishing feature is that *Furon et al* pertains to multiple messages not distinguishing between objects within a single message.

Regarding dependent claims 9, 21 and 27, the same made be said as said above in relation to claims 8 and 17.

In regard to dependent claim 10, the same may be said as in the previous two paragraphs.

Regarding dependent claims 8 and 26, although *Furon et al* discloses a terminal 12 in Fig. 1, it is in relation to multiple multimedia messages being analyzed in contrast to the presently disclosed invention which deals with the presentation of objects within a single message.

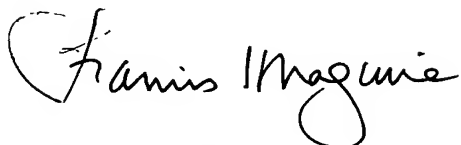
Regarding dependent claim 19, although a camera appears to be disclosed in the *Furon et al* reference, the analysis disclosed by the present disclosure is different from that in *Furon et al* in the sense of dealing with a single message rather than multiple multimedia messages. The same may be made for claim 20.

Regarding claims 31 and 32, although *Furon et al* discloses a gateway 13, a server 14, an image database 15 and a printer 16, all interconnected by links 18, 19, 20, it is dealing with the delivery of a composite of multiple multimedia messages, not the single message of the presently claimed invention.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) rejection of claims 1-32 is requested.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of February 2, 2007, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-32, as amended, to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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